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As the inventor, I hereby declare that:

This is a continuation-in-part patent application.

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I believe I am an original, and first inventor, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled MEDICAL PROCEDURE KIT, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the examination and patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

I hereby claim priority benefits to co-pending U.S. Patent Application, Serial No. _____, filed August 1, 2003, entitled "Obturator Tip for a Trocar."

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